

New Wording for Pastor Search Committee
By-laws change presented at Conference

At our quarterly church conference on Sunday, February 2nd at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary, the church will be asked to approve a By-law Change. This change will be in reference to the way First Baptist Church selects the Pastor Search Committee. The change will be:
“The pastor search committee will be composed of nine members, nominated by the deacons, and elected by the church. The committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the Deacons, and eight members at large. The deacons should work hard to nominate a committee that has a “broad and equitable representation,” meaning that the committee’s makeup should reflect the array of ages, genders, situations in life, areas of expertise and perspective within our congregation. Only one spousal partner or family member should be nominated by the deacons to serve on the committee and no paid employee or immediate family member of a paid employee shall be eligible to serve on the committee. Once the pastor search committee begins the search process, the committee members will not change, even if the leadership from the deacons change. If, for whatever reason, a member becomes unable to continue to serve, the deacons may choose a replacement without the necessity of a church vote.”

Prayers for Our People

We are praying for you, your family, your caretakers, and all God will do for you.

Let us pray for: Rachel Bishop, Denise Bowen, Linda Braun, Carolyn Brown, Prentiss Brown, Lynn Bryant, Dawn Clements, Shirley Coxen, Dana Dunn, Joni Wiggins Fox, Kay Fussell, Chase Giddens, Ed Hill, Peggy Hogan, Cheryl Luckie, Claudette Mahan, David Malcolm, Shirley Malcolm, Thomas Mayo, Billy McEachern, Don Morris, June Morris, Mildred Pigg, Betty Redus, Wynona Roberts, Debbie Sherret, Kelly Sumner, Lee Taylor, Katrina Vaughn, Van Waters, Brenda Wiggins, Donald Wiggins, Debra Weil, Keith Wood, Mac Woods

Members in Care Facilities

Pruitt Health (Ocilla): Drew Fountain and Maple Court (Tifton): Shirley Coxen

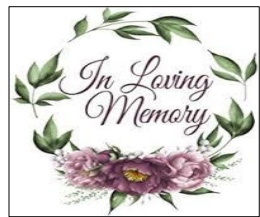
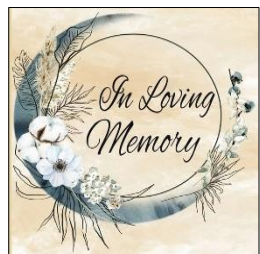
Homebound Members – Fitzgerald and Out of Town/State

June and Don Morris and Lynn Bryant–Fitzgerald
 Lois Eppes–Middleburg, FL

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 2, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Robert & Elaine Tharp by Becky & Ed Hill and family, Bobby & Vickie Tharp and family, David & Carol Tharp and family, and Dick & Shellah Tharp and family.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 9, 2025, are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Harry and Melba Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Warren McMillan, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mitchell by The Hall and Mitchell families.



YOUTH NEWS
SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR
Summer Youth Mission Camp 2025



SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE NOW UP for our Summer Youth Mission Camp 2025! Our DATES ARE SET for June 8th – 11th! A \$50 deposit is DUE BY MARCH 1st. We will return to the World Golf Village and do mission work in the Jacksonville Area.



Youth Sunday is set for March 23rd so SIGN UP NOW for Puppets, Handbells, scripture reading, and more. More details will be available at WNL and SS.



Thanks to everyone who is a member of the Sanctuary choir, handbell choir, and orchestra. We are always looking for folks to join us. If you have sung in a choir in the past or if you have thought about giving it a try, I want to encourage you to join us. If you play an instrument or are interested in playing in the handbell choir, please join us! If you have any questions, please let me know. As a reminder, the Sanctuary Choir practices each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. The orchestra and Handbells play with the hymns each Sunday.

Sympathy

We express our deepest Christian sympathy and extend loving prayers to Jane Ellen Phillips and the family of Sue McGee, who passed away on January 20, 2025.



Ms. Carly's Corner For Kids



Make plans to join us for the annual RA Racing Night on February 12th. All ages are encouraged to come and support our RAs! GAs will have a concession stand.

Sign up NOW for PASSPORTkids Camp 2025! Camp will be July 13th-16th at Rock Eagle for 3rd-5th graders. The cost will be \$200. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child wants to attend!

All children are invited to join us on February 9th at 10AM in the Team Kids Room for a Valentine's Sunday School Party. We will have breakfast, games, and a lesson. Come join us and bring a friend!



February Children's Church Volunteers

February 2.....Kevin and Nan Phillips
 February 9.....Bonnie and Lyndee Gray and Jennifer Brown
 February 16.....Courtney and Daniel Calhoun
 February 23.....Kathleen Cook and Brie Henderson

Church Conference
 Sunday, February 2nd
 1:30p (Sanctuary)

55+ Club/Young at Heart Luncheon
 Monday, February 3
 12p (Burch Hall)

American Red Cross Blood Drive
 Monday, February 3
 1:00p-6:00p (Gym)

Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

TUESDAY, JAN 28

Newsletter Day

WEDNESDAY, JAN 29

- 5:30 PM.....Children’s Choir Practice (Children’s Choir Room)*
- 6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
- 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

SUNDAY, FEB 2

- 9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
- 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
- 1:30 PM.....Church Conference (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, FEB 3

- 12:00 PM.....55+ Club Luncheon (Burch Hall)
- 1:00 - 6:00 PM.....Blood Drive (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEB 5

- 5:30 PM.....Children’s Choir Practice (Children’s Choir Room)*
- 6:00 PM.....Adult Bible Study (Adult III Assembly Rm)*
- 6:00 PM.....Youth WNL, Missions Friends, RAs, and GAs*

SUNDAY, FEB 9TH Soup-er Bowl Collection Day/ Wear Your Team Shirt

- 9:15 AM.....Sanctuary Choir Practice (Sanctuary)*
- 10:00 AM.....Sunday School*
- 11:00 AM.....Worship Service*
- 1:30 PM.....Deacons Meeting (Mann Hall)
- 4:00 PM.....Women’s Bible Study (Mann Hall)

MONDAY, FEB 10

- 5:00 PM.....Contact Blane for a meeting place to unload Fuller House Walls

TUESDAY, FEB 11

Newsletter Day

*Nursery Staff available for these events.

Exercise Class - Tues. & Thurs. every week at 10:00 AM in Mann Hall

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, closed all day Friday

8:30am-12:15pm (12:15-1:30 closed for lunch & office errands) 1:30pm-5pm

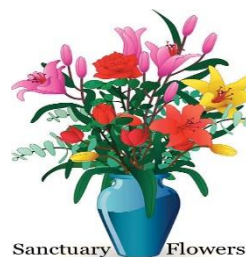
Jan. Deacons of the Month: Scott Sheppard and Kevin Phillips

Jan. Ushers: *James Campbell, *Bill Bryant, Van Waters, Mike Raynor, Donald Wiggins, Phil Stokes, Stan Bryant, Keith Wood, Jeff Thompson, Charles Benoit, Drew Wiley, and Reid Luckie

Available Sundays for the Sanctuary Flowers

Below are available Sundays for the Sanctuary Flowers that are placed in memory or honor of. Don't hesitate to contact the church office (229-423-4367) if you would like to confirm a Sunday.

- 1st Sunday of March (permanent)
- 3rd Sunday of March (permanent)
- 5th Sunday of March (only for the year 2025)
- 4th Sunday of June (permanent)
- 5th Sunday of June (only for the year 2025)
- 1st Sunday of July (permanent)
- 5th Sunday of August (only for the year 2025)
- 5th Sunday of November (only for the year 2025)



Our Stewardship Review

Budget Report through 01/15/25 – 01/28/25

Monthly Budget Required.....	\$47,867.83
MTD Budget Received.....	\$31,799.00
YTD Budget Requirement.....	\$47,867.86
YTD Budget Giving Received.....	\$31,799.00
YTD Budget Expenses.....	\$29,452.22

January 19, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 158 Worship Attendance – 256
January 26, 2025 - Sunday School Attendance – 157 Worship Attendance – 229



FEBRUARY CALENDAR EVENTS

Feb. Deacons of the Month: Mike Smith and Byron Smith

Feb. Ushers: *Byron Smith, *Lew Brinson, Bob Jones, Todd Cook, Kevin Phillips, Johnny Giddens, Jared Garner, Tony Eckler, and Justin Phillips

- Sun Feb 2** Church Conference (1:30pm Sanctuary)
- Mon Feb 3** 55+/Young at Heart Covered Dish Luncheon (12pm Burch Hall)
Blood Drive (1-6pm Gymnasium)
- Sun Feb 9** Soup-er Bowl Collection Day (wear your favorite team colors and bring all canned goods to morning worship)
Children’s Valentine’s Sunday School Party (see Carly’s article)
- Wed Feb 12** RA Pinewood Derby Racing (6pm Gymnasium)
- Sat Feb 15** The Spivey Wedding (3pm Sanctuary)
- Sun Feb 17-21** WINTER BREAK WEEK (no Wednesday Events)
- Thu Feb 18** Women On Mission (10am Library)



The Fuller Center in cooperation with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia is building an entire home in Fitzgerald, which is within a county of persistent rural poverty. Our first partnership will be in unloading the pre-made walls of the home. This will take place on Monday, February 10th at 5pm. If you can

help, please see Blane for more information. Also, if you can give a few hours any day of the build, workers are needed. There are things you can help do.

Church Staff

- Interim Pastor.....Dr. Jerry Mahan
- Minister of Music & Youth.....Rev. Blane Jacobs
- Administrative Assistant.....Ms. Dana Luckie
- Director of Children’s Activities.....Ms. Carly Harper
- Church Administrator.....Mr. Byron Smith
- Custodian.....Mr. Jeffrey Morgan
- Housekeeping.....Ms. Antoinette Hill
- Church Organist.....Ms. Barbara Jacobs
- Church Pianist.....Ms. Susan Spivey
- Nursery Staff.....Ms. Dana Luckie and Ms. Candy Herod

First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 367, (402 S. Merrimac Drive), Fitzgerald, GA 31750
 Contact us at 229-423-4367, by email at fbcfbcfitz.com. You can also check out church information on our website www.fbcfitz.com.



Glad Tidings

WE DECLARE UNTO YOU GLAD TIDINGS

First Baptist Church is a loving and caring Christian community seeking to extend the open hand of God’s grace to meet physical and spiritual needs through worship, education, ministry, fellowship, and spiritual nurturing.



Wednesday, January 29th

- 5:30pm Children’s Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Adult Bible Study
- Youth Wednesday Night Live
- Mission Friends, R.A. and G.A

Sunday, February 2nd

- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am
- Sunday School at 10am
- Worship at 11am
- Dr. Jerry Mahan

1:30pm Quarterly Church Conference in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 5th

- Church Wide Pinewood Derby Race in the Gym
- Youth Wednesday Night Live

Sunday, February 9th



- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 9:15am
- Sunday School at 10am
- Worship at 11am
- Dr. Jerry Mahan

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